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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 0088

E.O. 111652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJ: HARD LINE CHRISTIAN POSITION

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1. MY HUNCH IS THAT GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE VAST MAJORITY OF CHRISTIANS ARE NOT GENUINELY ATTACHED TO INCLUDING OVERSEAS LEBANESE IN THE CENSUS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN TO SAY THAT PEOPLE SUCH AS THE MONKS OR OTHER HIGHLY MOTIVATED POLITICAL PERSONS WILL NOT HAVE RECOURSE TO THIS ARGUMENT WHENEVER IT SUITS THEIR PURPOSE. IN SO DOING, THEY COULD WELL MAKE IT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF THEIR POSITION AND HOLD TO IT. THE HARD LINE CHRISTIAN POSITION MAY LACK CONVICTION BUT IN THIS HIGHLY CHARGED, EMOTIONAL SITUATION, THE HARD LINES ARE DIFFICULT TO CHALLENGE.

2. SORRY TO BE SO FUZZY BUT I AM AFRAID THAT'S THE NATURE OF THE BEAST AT THIS TIME.

3. THE MONKS ARE LUNCHING WITH ME ON JANUARY 14TH.
GODLEY

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